



# Recycling Lines

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**DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative:** The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

**Welcome to Recycling Lines, a look at recycling news in the Commonwealth and across the nation. We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Had a successful collection event? Have a recycling problem? Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at [gscoc@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:gscoc@deq.virginia.gov).**

## **DEQ Announces Recycling Rate and Solid Waste Planning T.A.C.**

DEQ has announced three meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which will guide the process to amend the solid waste planning regulation 9 VAC 20-130-10 et seq. These regulations prescribe how Virginia localities conduct solid waste planning and how their recycling rates are calculated. The dates are January 25, February 8 and February 22, 2006.

Members of the TAC are:

**Rick Guidry**, Waste Management, Inc.  
(Virginia Waste Industries Association)

**Rick Weber**, Loudoun County  
(SWANA, Solid Waste Association of North America, VA Chapter)

**Bill Dennison**, Bristol  
(Southwest VA Solid Waste Management Association)

**Debra Devine**, SPSA & HRPDC  
(Southeastern Public Service Authority & Hampton Roads Planning District Commission)

**Mike Benedetto**, VRMDC  
(VA Recycling Markets Development Council)

**Larry Land**, VA Association of Counties

**Steve Yob**, Henrico County (VA Municipal League)

**Roger Diedrich**, Sierra Club, (Virginia Chapter, with Michael Town as alternate)

**Paul Vaughan**, Campaign VA

**Allan Lassiter**, Department of Environmental Quality

The meetings will be held at The Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond. The meetings will be in the first floor conference room from 1 – 5 p.m. each day. The public and solid waste planner and recycling managers are encouraged to participate. Information about the meetings will be posted on the Commonwealth of Virginia town hall regulatory website <http://www.townhall.state.va.us/intro.cfm> and DEQ's regulatory web site:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/regulations/deqregulations.html>

For information on the process and background documents, go to <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/public/apa.html>

For more information, contact Allen Brockman at 804-698-4468 or [arbrockman@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:arbrockman@deq.virginia.gov).

## **Did You Know?**

- ✓ The Virginia Recycling Association recognized Richmond Freecycle for their Outstanding Community Volunteer Program.
- ✓ The Virginia Recycling Association and the Computer Recycling Initiative invites localities and businesses to hold an Earth Day electronics collection event in April 2006. The Pledge to Participate form is due to VRA by January 31, 2006.
- ✓ Sylvia Robertson, a seventh grade teacher at Bedford Middle School, received the Special Recognition Award from the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for her work in recycling and conservation education.
- ✓ Richmond Recycles accepts unwanted bicycles and fixes them up to be sold at a reduced price or gives them away. They gave approximately 40 bikes to needy children for the holidays.
- ✓ The EPA and Dell Inc. held a recycling event for electronics in the New Orleans region on December 3 for those materials damaged by Hurricane Katrina.
- ✓ The Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) sponsored an electronics recycling event in Chesterfield County at Rockwood Park on December 3 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. They collected 7.7 tons of electronics for recycling.
- ✓ Between July 1, 2004 and June 30 2005, CVWMA collected 30,960 tons of recyclable material in their curbside recycling program and 4,914 tons from their drop-off containers throughout the area.
- ✓ It's time to recycle your Christmas trees. Check with your local recycling coordinator to find out about programs in your area.
- ✓ A Recycling Road Show was held on November 5, 2005 at Herndon High School in Fairfax County. Students Against Global Abuse (SAGA) hosted the annual event. Computers and related equipment, cell phones, bicycles, rechargeable batteries, gently worn shoes and eyeglasses were among the items collected.
- ✓ Arlington County is currently selling compost bins to Arlington County residents for \$5. The cost of the compost bins are partially funded by the county's Litter Prevention and Recycling Grant.
- ✓ Nature Ranger, Ed E. Earth, had an interesting ride in the Warrenton Christmas Parade. Mr. Earth rode in a cozy house made of plastic bottles on his special float created by the Ritchie Elementary Cub Scouts Pack 957.
- ✓ The Montgomery Regional SWA is launching a new program this month that will allow them to recycle electronics on a regular basis.

## Don't Trash It! Contest

Arlington County is running a Don't Trash It! Contest November 1, 2005 through February 15 2006. The contest is part of a new public education campaign to educate citizens on how to recycle more and generate less waste. Citizens are encouraged to fill out an entry form and send in creative tips for how they recycle. Arlington is looking for tips and stories for:

- Recycling all types of items;
- Reducing what we throw away
- Reusing items used frequently;
- Collecting recyclables at home until trash day;
- Making recycling easier;
- Making recycling fun for the family;
- Composting in the back yard.

Or, citizens may wish to describe their ideas by completing one of the following:

- What works for me is...
- Did you know you can recycle. . .
- I reduce waste by. . .
- I reduce waste by reusing. . .
- I reduce waste by taking \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_
- I purchase the following product(s) made of recycled material at. . .

In March, 2006, judges will pick the best entries to be published in the Don't Trash It flyer and winners will receive a gift bag made from recycled bottles which will be full of prizes. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdcontest.aspx>

## Recycling Works! Expo in Alexandria

The EPA's "Garbage Gremlin," showing its enthusiasm for Alexandria's recycling program, took a front row seat as presentations were being made at the Dr. Owsald Durant Center on November 30, 2005 at the Recycling Works! Expo in Alexandria.

Dana Arnold, Chief of Staff, Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, gave a presentation about how recycling is done at the federal level. This includes how weapons and tanks are meant to be recycled after their useful life.

Presentations were also given on how innovative recycling leaders are leading their companies in recycling efforts in the realm of office buildings, restaurants, and multi-family dwellings.

Over 20 vendors had displays on recycling everything from uneaten food and kitchen grease to junk removal and selling unwanted items on eBay.

For more information about the Recycle Works! Expo, contact Christine McCoy at: [Christine.mccoy@alexandria.gov](mailto:Christine.mccoy@alexandria.gov) or 703-751-5130 ext. 132.

## Starbucks Invents the First Coffee Cup Using Recycled Paper

The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) will present its eighth annual "Recycling Works" Recognition Award to Starbucks Company on January 24, 2006.

Starbucks is the first in the coffee industry to develop a paper coffee cup that uses post-consumer recycled paper. The new cups will be available starting in early 2006. Even now, in an effort to reduce trash, Starbucks offers its customers a 10-cent discount for coffee refills when using their re-usable commuter mug.

Starbucks provides complimentary five pound bags of used coffee to customers for composting through its Grounds for Your Garden program. For more information go to: <http://www.nrc-recycle.org/pressroom/2005/NRC-Gala-10132005.htm>

## 2006 AF & PA Recycling Awards

The American Forest & Paper Association (AF& PA) is sponsoring a contest to recognize outstanding programs that promote the recovery of high quality paper for recycling. The deadline for submitting entries is February 17, 2006. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, March 7 and awards will be presented on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at the Recycling General Session at AF & PA's 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Paper Week.

The categories include:

- AF & PA Ed Hurley Memorial Paper Recycling Award
- AF & PA Business Leadership Recycling Awards
- AF & PA Community Recycling Awards
- AF & PA School Recycling Awards

The winners of each category will be recognized with monetary prizes and original artwork.

[www.paperrecycles.org/recycling/awards/award.html](http://www.paperrecycles.org/recycling/awards/award.html)

## Fort Monroe Recognized for Deconstruction

Kudos to Fort Monroe for the recognition they received from the national chapter of Keep America Beautiful and the regional Business for the Bay organization.

Fort Monroe concentrates on deconstruction rather than demolition which has saved thousands of tons of debris from being sent to local landfills over the past two years. According to Peter Van Dyke, the post's recycling program manager; deconstruction saves the taxpayers money when materials from an old building can be reused.

In October, 2004, the Virginia Recycling Association singled out Fort Monroe as its "Outstanding Government Agency" in the area of solid waste management.

For more information about the recycling program at Fort Monroe, contact Peter Van Dyke at 757-788-244 or visit: <http://fort.monroe.army.mil/casemate/stack/102805recycle.htm>

## Bedford County Recycles 175 Tons of Household Recyclables in Two-Month Drive

As mentioned in the October issue of Recycling Lines, Bedford County had pledged to donate \$10 for each ton of material collected for recycling at its recycling centers in the months of October and November to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

This charity effort resulted in 175 tons of recyclables being collected, an increase of 95% and 38% over collections in October and November 2004. Congratulations to Bedford County for their successful campaign for the Red Cross.

For more information, contact Vicki Esposito at [v.esposito@co.bedford.va.us](mailto:v.esposito@co.bedford.va.us)

## PartnerBins Pilot Program

The Baltimore Department of Public Works is trying an innovative approach to encouraging recycling around the Inner Harbor and downtown. The project is designed to save money, generate revenue and help to keep the streets clean.

They are using receptacles called "PartnerBins." These bins have two compartments, one for trash and one for recyclables. The receptacles are paid for by advertisements that cover the four sides of each bin. The city has partnered with Outdoor Partner Media to run the program and to sell advertising space. To learn more about the program, email the Bureau of Solid Waste at [solidwate@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:solidwate@baltimorecity.gov)

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